

Appl. No. 10/623,687
Paper dated March 15, 2006
Reply to Office Action dated November 18, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of Amendments

Claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, and 32-53 are pending of which claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32-36 and 53 have been allowed, claims 37-42, 50 and 51 have been rejected and claims 43-49 and 52 have been objected to. By this amendment and response claims 37-42, 50 and 51 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 43-49 and 52 have been amended to correct informalities. No new matter is added by these amendments.

B. Claims Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 43-49 and 52 because of informalities. Applicant has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion to amend the term "mode" to the plural "modes". Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments resolve the Examiner's objections and place the claims in position for allowance.

C. Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 37-42, 50 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Adler *et al.* (USP 6,256,115). While Applicant traverses the Examiner's rejection for all of the reasons set forth in their September 6, 2005 Amendment, in order to expedite prosecution the Applicant has canceled claims 37-42, 50 and 51 without prejudice.

D. Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that the 6/13/05 Information Disclosure Statement has been considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the

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Examiner initial and acknowledge that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 3, 2005 has also been considered.

CONCLUSION

For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-4458US1.

Respectfully submitted,
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